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### COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

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### H.R. 1794, AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A PARALLEL WATER SUPPLY LINE AND REHABILITATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL FACILITIES AT FOLSOM DAM

#### TESTIMONY OF MAYOR ROCKY ROCKHOLM

#### CITY OF ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA

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MR. CHAIRMAN and distinguished members of the Committee, my name is Rocky Rockholm and I am the Mayor of the City of Roseville, California. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before this Committee today regarding H.R. 1794, a bill providing authorization for construction of a parallel water supply line and rehabilitation of existing federal facilities at Folsom Dam.

I wish to begin by thanking you and the members of the Subcommittee on Water and Power for holding this hearing this afternoon. The citizens of the City of Roseville need your assistance in helping us meet the water supply and water security needs of our region. We appreciate this Committee's commitment to ensuring a safe and reliable water system in the United States.

On behalf of the City of Roseville, I also wish to thank Congressman John Doolittle for his leadership and for introducing H.R. 1794. Congressman Doolittle has served his constituents and the nation well since first being elected over a decade ago. Roseville is proud to have Congressman Doolittle represent us in the United States Congress, and we appreciate his commitment to our City, our region, the State of California, and the United States of America.

The City of Roseville is located 20 miles east of Sacramento and has a population of approximately 86,000 residents. Roseville is expected to be home to approximately 110,000 residents by 2010 when all of the currently-entitled residential property is developed. Our community has experienced unprecedented growth during the past decade, and I believe the City has efficiently and effectively discharged its duties to our new and long-standing residents in spite of the significant pressures of rapid growth.

In addition to carrying out the primary functions of local government, I believe we have successfully safeguarded our local and regional history while responsibly planning and delivering critical projects for our long term economic health. For example, the City has worked with the local Maidu tribe to preserve the Native American history of the area in cultural centers and museums and with Union Pacific to develop the largest rail yard of its kind west of the Omaha and the most modern rail yard in the United States.

Of course, a primary local government function is to reliably deliver clean drinking water. The City has worked closely with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the San Juan Water District to properly discharge this function. We are now faced with a major challenge related to our water supply, and we need this committee's assistance to ensure our water service remains safe and reliable.

The City's current drinking water system relies on a single 84-inch, 3,500 foot pipeline owned and operated by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). The pipeline delivers up to 216 million gallons of raw water each day from Folsom Reservoir to the City of Roseville and the San Juan Water District - 120 million gallons to the San Juan Water District and 96 million gallons to the City of Roseville. After treatment, the

respective agencies serve water to over 250,000 customers per day in Sacramento and Placer Counties. The pipeline is the only raw water supply line to the City and the San Juan Water District. Without it, we would be unable to provide the citizens of our region with a safe and reliable drinking water supply.

My friend Jim English of the San Juan Water District will describe the specific findings of the 2000 pipeline inspection. The important point to remember is this: the region's only drinking water supply is in jeopardy and could soon fail unless the existing infrastructure is rehabilitated.

There are two main reasons why the parallel pipeline is necessary. First, rehabilitation will require the sole existing pipeline to be taken out of service for several weeks or even months. A parallel pipeline must be constructed to provide the agencies raw water while the existing pipeline is out of service. The parallel pipeline is the only means by which we will be able to deliver water to our citizens without interruptions.

Second, the parallel pipeline will provide a redundant water supply to 250,000 daily customers, significantly improving the security and reliability of the facility. In light of recent events that have demonstrated real threats to the security of our nation's infrastructure, it is essential that we update our systems by building in redundancies. H.R. 1794 provides the City of Roseville with this added security. While this benefit is ancillary, it is very important.

As a California mayor, I am sensitive to water usage issues and I believe it is important to note that no additional water will be drawn from the American River system as a result of this project. The two water supply lines will be used to supply the approved level of water to the City of Roseville and the San Juan Water District.

We anticipate that the total cost of the project will be \$12.1 million. The City and the San Juan Water District will complete a \$100,000 pre-design study. The USBR Denver office will start the design of the parallel pipeline using \$500,000 earmarked in the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In addition, we have requested an earmark of \$1.6 million in the Fiscal Year 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill that will be used to complete the design of the project. The construction phase of the parallel pipeline will require \$8 million and the rehabilitation of the existing pipeline will cost \$1.9 million. We expect the project to be complete in four years, including design, construction, and rehabilitation.

Mr. Chairman, in closing I would once again like to thank you and your colleagues for holding this hearing today. We understand that your committee is extraordinarily busy, and the fact that this hearing has occurred underscores your commitment to ensuring the safety and security of Americans. We also again wish to thank Congressman Doolittle for all his work on this legislation and on behalf of the City of Roseville.

The City of Roseville urges the Subcommittee on Water and Power to report favorably on H.R. 1794 as soon as possible. I would be happy to answer any questions you or your colleagues on the Subcommittee may have. Once again, thank you.

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